

REMARKS

The Applicant would like to thank Examiner Ewart for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during an in-person interview at the Patent and Trademark Office on January 23, 2007. During the interview both parties discussed the outstanding Office Action, including the teachings of Kennedy (U.S. patent number 6,535,743). Both parties also discussed the pending claims.

During the interview, Examiner Ewart explained his interpretation of the Kennedy reference and how the Kennedy reference was applied. Significantly, Examiner Ewart indicated that the Kennedy reference does not teach or suggest the concept of two different communications systems that communicate with each other to resolve a conflict and determine which communications system is permitted to use a user interface associated with a motor vehicle.

All of the independent claims 1, 10, 13 and 21, have been amended to recite this conflict resolution requirement. In light of the interview, Applicant believes that all of the pending claims are now allowable over the prior art, which clearly fails to teach or render obvious the concept of two communications systems communicating with one another to resolve a conflict and determine which of those communications systems is permitted to communicate with a user interface.

In view of the foregoing, all of the pending claims in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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